

Application No.: 09/591,307
Amendment dated September 18, 2003
Reply to Office action of May 13, 2003

Remarks/Arguments

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 46 and 48, respectively. Please cancel Claims 46 and 48.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

The Examiner maintains her rejection of the claims over US Patent 6,284,282 to Maa *et al.* ("Maa"). In light of the amendment to Claims 1 and 20, it is believed that these claims are now allowable. Indeed, claims that recite these limitations were also found allowable over Maa in related application USSN 09/878,146.


Rejection under Obviousness-type Double Patent

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being obvious under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting. Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer that renders the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 251-3509.

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